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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicants enclose herewith a copy of Form PTO-1449 listing a previously cited Chinese patent relevant to the background of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application. In supplement to the IDS and Citation Sheet filed on October 20, 2006, applicants include below a brief explanation in English of Chinese Publication No. CN2350735Y (copy previously submitted).

Chinese Publication No. CN2350735Y discloses a type of capacity metering apparatus of intermittent type. The apparatus includes; a metering container (see the metering container in Figs 1 and 3 having an inlet in an upper end); an upper opening and closing plate (see reference number 3 in the drawings) for first opening and closing the inlet of the metering container, wherein the metering container has a variable internal capacity; a first opening (the first opening is a material discharge port where the lower opening and closing plate 5 is

closed) in a lower portion; and a second opening (the second opening is an opening of a pipe member in which a volume adjustor advances and retreats) in a desired portion.

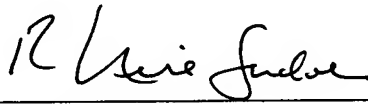
An additional technical feature limited in claim 2 of Chinese Publication No. CN2350735Y discloses a metering container that has a powder body discharge port in a lower portion, and said powder body discharge port can be freely opened and closed by using a closing member.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed reference in determining the patentability of the claimed invention. Applicants also request that the Examiner return a copy of enclosed amended Form PTO-1449 with initials or other marks indicating that the reference has been so considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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